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TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE RELEASED BY ADMIRAL NIMITZ FROM PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS:

COMMUNIQUE No. 7

(By telephone, August 21, 1942) A force of Marines of the United States Pacific Fleet made a successful landing on Japanese-held Makin Island on Aug. 17. The purpose of the expedition was to destroy the installations of this enemy seaplane base. This purpose was accomplished in its entirety, and the force has been withdrawn.

Known enemy losses inflicted by the Marines are: At least eighty Japanese killed, radio installations and stores destroyed, one large and one small seaplane destroyed on the water.

Other losses were inflicted on the enemy forces by heavy bombing attacks by their own aircraft from other bases which were attempting to assist them.

The ships of our expedition gunned and sank one small transport and one gunboat.

Considering the nature of this operation, our forces suffered only moderate losses.

The naval officer commanding the expedition was Commander John M. Haines, U.S.N. The Marines were commanded by Lieut. Col. Evans P. Carlson, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Second in command of the Marines was Major James Roosevelt, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. None of these officers was on the casualty list.

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